

Evans puts scruples to one side

By MICHAEL MELANIPHY

DYLAN EVANS, Wycombe's Welsh international forward, has agreed to play against Corinthian Casuals in the Rothmans Isthmian League on Sunday after hesitating on religious grounds.

Wycombe's match with Casuals at Loakes Park, their first on a Sunday since the club was formed in 1884, caused Evans to consider withdrawing from the team. The fixture was switched from Saturday because Wycombe has five players affected by the three-day working week. But Evans is a Mormon and at first he did not want to play.

He talked it over with Brian Lee, Wycombe's manager, and then with a Mormon bishop before finally agreeing to play.

Lee said: "We understood his predicament and are grateful to him for the decision he has made."

SUNDAY SOCCER AT LOAKES PARK

FOR the first time ever in their 79 year history, Wycombe Wanderers will be staging a league game on a Sunday at Loakes Park, when they take on bottom club Corinthian Casuals on Sunday (K.O. 2 p.m.).

Because of the three-day week, which affects both sides, Wanderers decided to stage the game on Sunday as four players would not have been available tomorrow (Saturday) — John Maskell, Mick Holfield, Phil Wood and Tony Horseman. And judging by last Sunday's attendances, there should be a sizeable crowd at Loakes Park. Chesham United drew 1.300 last week when they met Maidenhead United, while the F.A. Cup gates on Sunday speak for themselves.

Spectators will be able to get through the turnstiles as usual except that they will have to buy a programme costing 30p adults, 20p children and 10p O.A.P.'s. Clubs are not allowed to take "gate" money on Sundays by law, and admission by programme is the only way around the problem.

Wycombe's new signing from Enfield, Keith Mead, stands by to make his debut for the Blues, but manager Brian Lee has no easy task in finding a place for him in the back four. With centre backs Phil Wood and Dave Bullock playing so well, it could be that Mead will have to start at full back to begin with. Tony Horseman saw a doctor about his back in the week and should be fit for the game.

With the arrival of Kevin Raine from Hayes as second string goalkeeper, Dave Wright has been advised to find another club. As he was not playing regularly now the Premier Midweek games are postponed, manager Brian Lee advised the player to leave.

As usual Corinthian Casuals occupy the basement spot in the League with only two victories this season. Amazingly, one of them was away to leaders Dulwich Hamlet 2-1. The other triumph was 3-0 over Clapton — earning Casuals' one and only £40 bonus this term. Heaviest defeat has been a 6-0 thrashing at Bishop's Stortford.

Bobby Southam, who along with Keith Eshley, left Casuals for Kingstonian at the start of the season, is back and top scorer with eight goals and despite the league position, Casuals still hope to pull themselves out of the relegation

zone (two clubs go down to Division Two at the end of the season). With games in hand, they could pick up some useful points later in the term but their chances of success at Loakes Park look slim.

ROTHMANS ISTMIAN LEAGUE

Division 1

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| B Stortfd | 29 | 16 | 8 | 5 | 57 | 19 | 56 | 20 |
| Dulwich | 30 | 15 | 11 | 4 | 49 | 24 | 56 | 100 |
| Hendon | 23 | 16 | 5 | 2 | 41 | 10 | 53 | 10 |
| Wycombe | 22 | 15 | 4 | 3 | 54 | 21 | 49 | 00 |
| Lthrhead | 24 | 15 | 3 | 6 | 52 | 23 | 48 | 20 |
| Hayes | 24 | 13 | 5 | 6 | 48 | 25 | 44 | 40 |
| Ley stone | 24 | 12 | 6 | 6 | 36 | 21 | 42 | 10 |
| Oxford | 29 | 10 | 12 | 7 | 31 | 34 | 42 | 30 |
| Tooting | 30 | 11 | 6 | 13 | 40 | 39 | 40 | 40 |
| Ilford | 28 | 10 | 8 | 10 | 32 | 34 | 38 | 60 |
| Kingstonian | 26 | 8 | 10 | 8 | 33 | 29 | 34 | 20 |
| Barking | 28 | 9 | 6 | 13 | 37 | 46 | 33 | 60 |
| Walton | 19 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 32 | 23 | 32 | 44 |
| Enfield | 24 | 9 | 5 | 10 | 30 | 28 | 32 | 30 |
| Hitchin | 22 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 40 | 35 | 32 | 00 |
| W'mstow | 28 | 8 | 8 | 12 | 32 | 43 | 32 | 94 |
| Sutton | 25 | 7 | 10 | 8 | 32 | 35 | 31 | 60 |
| Woking | 17 | 9 | 1 | 7 | 29 | 29 | 28 | 40 |
| Bromley | 26 | 6 | 6 | 16 | 29 | 43 | 24 | 40 |
| Clapton | 28 | 3 | 2 | 23 | 15 | 98 | 11 | 60 |
| St Albans | 28 | 2 | 4 | 22 | 21 | 69 | 10 | 60 |
| Casuals | 24 | 2 | 2 | 20 | 17 | 53 | 8 | 20 |

Division 2

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| Tilbury | 20 | 12 | 4 | 4 | 36 | 19 | 40 | 50 |
| Slough | 20 | 11 | 4 | 5 | 32 | 18 | 37 | 30 |
| Dagenham | 15 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 35 | 8 | 36 | 00 |
| Harwich | 19 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 31 | 25 | 28 | 00 |
| M'denhead | 14 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 20 | 10 | 23 | 10 |
| Hertford | 14 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 20 | 14 | 23 | 54 |
| Horsham | 14 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 23 | 16 | 22 | 20 |
| Aveley | 15 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 21 | 18 | 22 | 40 |
| Staines | 16 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 22 | 24 | 20 | 34 |
| Chesham | 11 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 21 | 16 | 17 | 40 |
| Harlow | 18 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 15 | 23 | 15 | 40 |
| C'shain | 16 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 12 | 28 | 14 | 60 |
| Finchley | 15 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 10 | 29 | 14 | 30 |
| Wokingham | 18 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 19 | 47 | 13 | 70 |
| Hampton | 13 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 22 | 22 | 12 | 10 |
| Southall | 16 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 6 | 28 | 7 | 60 |

Monday game

FOOTBALL fans in High Wycombe working Thursday, Friday and Saturday have the chance to see a game at Loakes Park on Monday. Wycombe Wanderers are playing hosts to the U.A.U. and British Polytechnics. Admission will be 10p and the match kicks off at 2 p.m.